

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board
December 11, 1958

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Kyle Hotel, Temple, Texas beginning at 5:00 P.M., December 11, 1958. The meeting followed a watershed hearing on Town Branch watershed which began at 2:30 P.M. in the First National Bank Building.

Members present were: E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch, and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board.

The minutes of the November 7, 1958 meeting were read and approved.

A. C. Spencer reported that five new watershed applications had been received as follows:

Upper Pedernales River in Gillespie County SCD #220

Lower Pedernales River in Gillespie County SCD #220

Macho Arroyo in El Paso-Hudspeth SCD #205

Madden Arroyo in El Paso-Hudspeth SCD #205

Camp Rice Arroyo in El Paso-Hudspeth SCD #205

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. S. Sharp to disapprove these applications pending preliminary field examinations. The motion carried.

A. F. Leesch reported on a meeting at the State Board of Water Engineer's offices at which approximately 60 people were in attendance. The status of the State water planning program was explained by McDonald D. Weinert, Chief Engineer of the Water Board. Short statements on the planning program were made by Board Members, Durwood Manford, O. F. Dent, and R. M. Dixon. A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones also attended the meeting.

A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones reported on a conference held with McDonald Weinert and Isom Hale, Chief Engineer and Assistant Chief Engineer respectively, for

the State Board of Water Engineers. It was reported that discussion covered the reviewing and revising of planning reports prepared by the Soil Conservation Service and State Soil Conservation Board. It was agreed that Garner Jones would review any proposed revision in such reports before they were published. A possible survey on irrigation by Soil Conservation Districts over the State was also discussed.

Garner Jones reported on the progress being made in working with Soil Conservation Districts on the Trinity Master Plan. It was reported that all the districts have submitted their plans and that tentative drafts of the general section material have been prepared. This material is being reviewed and the completed report will be ready for printing soon. A. C. Spencer reported that a conference was held with J. C. Davis, Assistant Attorney General and he advised that it was his opinion that the Soil Conservation and Upstream Flood Prevention Report on the Trinity Master Plan would not need approval of the State Board of Water Engineers. He suggested that the report be filed with them for their information and use.

In the matter of the Mutual Assistance Bill being drafted for presentation to the State Legislature, A. C. Spencer reported that he and Howard Boswell had held a conference with Ralph Hall, President of the County Judges Association at which time he was favorable to presenting the bill to the County Judges Association for their sponsorship.

The program for the State Meeting in Abilene on January 7, 8 and 9, 1958 was discussed in detail, and A. C. Spencer reported on what had been worked out to present time. The proposed program was discussed and the arrangements of the printed program was agreed upon. The program would be turned over to the printer as soon as possible.

The preliminary survey report of O. F. Armstrong on Ash Shough watershed was presented by A. C. Spencer, but no action was recommended since no report

to date had been received from the Soil Conservation Service.

The location for the 1960 State meeting was discussed and by mutual consent it was agreed to announce the meeting place at the close of the State meeting on January 9, 1959. Galveston was designated as the site for the 1960 Annual State meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

A. C. Spencer reported that all arrangements had been completed for holding the Wharton County Soil Conservation District election on December 15, 1958.

The National Convention in Houston, Texas was discussed and it was pointed out that the convention was to begin on February 1, 1959 and to continue through February 4, 1959, and that reservations had been made for all members of the Board and for all employees who could be spared since the convention was being held within the State.

A discussion on watershed hearings and the next Board meeting was entered into and it was agreed to hold the next meeting in connection with the State Meeting in Abilene on January 7, 8, or 9, 1959, probably the afternoon of January 7, and to hold the following Board Meeting on February 20, 21, 1959 in Kenedy, Texas, in connection with watershed hearings in that area.

The meeting recessed to hold watershed hearings in the vicinity of Temple as follows:

December 11, 1958

Elm Creek, First National Bank Building, Temple, 7:30 P.M.

December 12, 1958

Darr's Creek, Kuhlmann Lbr. Co., Holland, Texas 8:00 - 12:00 A.M.

Donahoe Creek, Bartlett Cafe, Bartlett, Texas, 8:00 - 12:00 A.M.

Nolan Creek, Courthouse, Belton, Texas, 3:00 - 9:30 P.M.

December 13, 1958

Pond Creek, High School, Rosebud, Texas, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned following the watershed hearing on Pond Creek
at Rosebud, Texas.

Garner Jones
Secretary

S. J. Payne
Chairman

January 7, 1959
Date